

Application No.: 10/567,285

Case No: KOMOP0109US

**PATENT**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kenichi MORIMOTO et al.

Application No.: 10/567,285

Filing Date: February 3, 2006

For: POWER SUPPLY DEVICE AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

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SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

Sir:

On May 19, 2008, Applicants petitioned to prosecute this application without a declaration signed by Kenichi Morimoto, a co-inventor of the subject patent application. With that Petition, Applicants submitted the petition fee, a statement of Mr. Morimoto's last known address, and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by all

the other joint inventors. (See MPEP § 409.03(a) and (d).) In support of the Petition, a declaration of Masaru Nishijima was submitted as proof of Mr. Morimoto's refusal to cooperate.

On September 11, 2008, the Petition was dismissed without prejudice. The Examiner indicates that the following requirements have been satisfied: (1) payment of the fee, (2) a statement of Mr. Morimoto's last known address, and (3) an oath or declaration signed by the other joint inventors. The Examiner, however, indicates that the factual proof of Mr. Morimoto's refusal to cooperate is deficient. The Examiner states that the declaration of Mr. Nishijima would satisfy the proof requirements, except that the supporting documentation was submitted in a foreign language unaccompanied by English translations. The Examiner instructs Applicants to submit English translations of the supporting documentation to corroborate the facts detailed in the Petition.

In accordance with the Examiner's comments, certified translations of the following have been submitted: (1) correspondence from Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha (Sharp) to Kenichi Morimoto dated January 25, 2006; (2) correspondence from Sharp to Kenichi Morimoto dated February 9, 2006; and (3) correspondence from Sharp to Kenichi Morimoto dated January 23, 2007.

Applicants note that one item of correspondence referenced in Mr. Nishijima's Declaration could not be located. In particular, paragraph 5 of the Declaration refers to a letter in January 2006 from Mr. Morimoto to Sharp in which he demands an English translation of the inventor declaration and assignment, and an explanation of their merit. A copy of this letter could not be found. As is apparent from the Declaration, however, Mr. Nishijima has personal knowledge of this letter and its contents. (See Declaration at paragraph 2.) In addition, Mr. Morimoto's demands are referenced in Sharp's letter to Mr. Morimoto of February 9, 2006, a copy of which is part of the documentation along with a certified translation. Applicants submit that Mr. Nishijima's statements, declared as true subject to punishment under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 (see Declaration at paragraph

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11), combined with the other documents, provides sufficient proof of Mr. Morimoto's refusal to cooperate.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Petition be granted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) to accept and prosecute the present application as made by the signing co-inventors on behalf of Kenichi Morimoto.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988, our Order No. KOMOP0109US.

Respectfully submitted,

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【同封書類】

- ・ PCT 国際出願時の特許公報
- ・ 宣誓書 (Declaration) 1 通
- ・ 譲渡書 (Assignment) 1 通

January 25, 2006

Dear Mr. Kenichi Morimoto

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Dear Mr. Morimoto,

With respect to the invention made by Mr. Morimoto while you were at SHARP KABUSHIKI KAISHA, all the inventors are requested to sign on the Declaration/Power of Attorney and the Assignment to file an application for patent in the U. S. (enter the U. S. National Phase). The other inventors have signed on the documents attached hereto.

For your reference, we send herewith a copy of the International Publication of PCT/JP for which an application in the U. S. is being under consideration, so please review the contents of the invention.

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Dated this 28th day of October, 2008.

  
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February 9, 2006

Dear Mr. Kenichi Morimoto

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Dear Mr. Morimoto,

As requested in the reply from Mr. Morimoto, saying that you would need translations of the documents and written explanation on the details (and on the advantage of assignment) for your consideration, based on which you would sign on the documents in response to our request for signature on the Declaration/Power of Attorney and the Assignment sent previously, we would like to inform you as follows.

1. Declaration/Power of Attorney and Assignment

The Declaration is for declaring that the signed person(s) is(are) the inventor(s) of the invention for which the application for patent is filed:

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As you will see, these documents can be used only for the prosecution of an application filed with the USPTO and are not used for any other purpose.

2. Translations of the Declaration/Power of Attorney and the Assignment

Please find enclosed the translations. Please review the contents.

### 3. Advantage of assignment

Rewards for registration/achievement are paid to the inventors according to the Company Regulation.

If you would kindly understand the above, please give your full name signature (in regular handwriting with alphabets) with a black pen on the two blanks marked with circles on the attached Declaration/Power of Attorney and Assignment.

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Dated this 28th day of October, 2008.

  
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January 23, 2007

Dear Mr. Kenichi Morimoto

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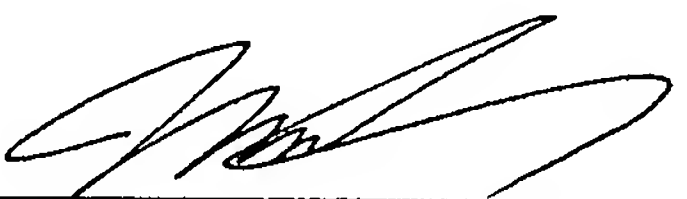
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